



# LAKEVILLE

## Plymouth County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Lakeville is an inland rural town on the Plymouth-Bristol county boundary. First settlement of the town was in approximately 1702 when a forge was erected to use the bog iron in Assawompset and Long Ponds. The town was basically agricultural since it lacked the major water resources to attract early industrialists. In the 19th century, however, its limited water power allowed development of a tack and nail factory, a tannery, and some small shoe making companies. Later in the century, neighboring communities drew off a significant percentage of the Lakeville water supply and cut off the cottage and recreational potential of lakeside properties.

With the shriveling of industry, the town has remained essentially as it began, a pleasant rural community still showing significant agricultural character but with some suburban development pressures visible. Residents are very proud of the community's continuing beauty, and enjoy using the Long Pond recreational area which offers traditional summer sports as well as ice skating, ice boarding and ice fishing. The woodlands surrounding the town's lakes provide hiking and picnicking opportunities while three golf courses, indoor tennis facilities and a racquet and fitness club provide for the athletic interests of residents.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Middleborough on the north and east, Freetown and Rochester on the south, and Berkley and Taunton on the west. Lakeville is about 38 miles south of Boston and 206 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 36.14 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 29.90 sq. miles

**Population:** 7,785

**Density:** 260 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Taunton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.7"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Assawompset Pond, Assonet, Bridgewater

## Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and  
Economic Development District

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Brockton



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 947-3400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Secretary  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1853

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	5,246		
Democrats	940	17.9	%
Republicans	806	15.4	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,498	66.7	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Lakeville town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	9,821	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	9,821	100.0
Male.....	4,756	48.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	104	1.1
Female.....	5,065	51.6	Mexican.....	29	0.3
Under 5 years.....	751	7.6	Puerto Rican.....	30	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	768	7.8	Cuban.....	13	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	749	7.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	32	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	645	6.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	9,717	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	346	3.5	White alone.....	9,484	96.6
25 to 34 years.....	1,105	11.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	1,946	19.8	Total population.....	9,821	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,538	15.7	In households.....	9,574	97.5
55 to 59 years.....	493	5.0	Householder.....	3,292	33.5
60 to 64 years.....	370	3.8	Spouse.....	2,296	23.4
65 to 74 years.....	541	5.5	Child.....	3,266	33.3
75 to 84 years.....	376	3.8	Own child under 18 years.....	2,502	25.5
85 years and over.....	193	2.0	Other relatives.....	385	3.9
Median age (years).....	37.8	(X)	Under 18 years.....	138	1.4
18 years and over.....	7,126	72.6	Nonrelatives.....	335	3.4
Male.....	3,397	34.6	Unmarried partner.....	181	1.8
Female.....	3,729	38.0	In group quarters.....	247	2.5
21 years and over.....	6,835	69.6	Institutionalized population.....	234	2.4
62 years and over.....	1,326	13.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	13	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,110	11.3	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	433	4.4	Total households.....	3,292	100.0
Female.....	677	6.9	Family households (families).....	2,659	80.8
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,318	40.0
One race.....	9,707	98.8	Married-couple family.....	2,296	69.7
White.....	9,555	97.3	With own children under 18 years.....	1,138	34.6
Black or African American.....	30	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	264	8.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	137	4.2
Asian.....	58	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	633	19.2
Asian Indian.....	3	-	Householder living alone.....	483	14.7
Chinese.....	21	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	205	6.2
Filipino.....	9	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,412	42.9
Japanese.....	6	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	666	20.2
Korean.....	9	0.1	Average household size.....	2.91	(X)
Vietnamese.....	6	0.1	Average family size.....	3.24	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	4	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	3,662	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,292	89.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	370	10.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	1	-	occasional use.....	277	7.6
Some other race.....	49	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	114	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	3,292	100.0
White.....	9,659	98.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,978	90.5
Black or African American.....	48	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	314	9.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	59	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.98	(X)
Asian.....	87	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.23	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	0.1			
Some other race.....	82	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:

Conventional Federal:

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:

Federal (Section 8):



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The Taunton-Attleboro region, where Lakeville is located, has excellent highway facilities. Interstate 495, especially well designed south of Boston, provides access to Interstate 90 to the northwest and to U.S. Route 6, the Mid-Cape Highway, to the southeast. Interstate 95 and the Fall River Expressway (State Route 24) provide access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 18, 105, 79, and 140, which runs N-S between Taunton and New Bedford. Interstate Route 495 is easily accessible in the neighboring town of Middleborough.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Middleborough Line.

### Bus

Lakeville is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled.

### Other

The New Bedford Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. The airport has 2 asphalt runways 4,997' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Island Terrace Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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